IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 10, 12 through 14, 21, and 22 as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

1   2. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

2   receiving a command from a user to download at least one file from a selected web

3   site;

4   receiving a command from the user to either save the at least one file as is or open the

5   at least one file;

6   retrieving an address of the selected web site in response to the command from the

7   user to open the at least one file;

8   forwarding a query to at least one server to determine if the retrieved address is within

9   an approved web site database;

10   notifying the user that the selected web site is not within the approved web site

11   database upon a determination that the selected web site is not within the approved web site

12   database and downloading the at least one file in an unencrypted format in response to a

13   command from the user to download the at least one file in an unencrypted format to a

14   selected folder of the user;

15   forwarding user information and information with regard to the at least one file to the

16   at least one server upon a determination that the selected web site is within the approved web

17   site database, and receiving encryption information from the at least one server in response

18   thereto;

19   downloading the at least one file in an unencrypted format from the selected web site

20   and converting the at least one file to an encrypted format in accordance with the encryption

21   information from the at least one server; and

22   storing the at least one file in the encrypted format.

1   3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

2   downloading and saving the at least one file as is in an unencrypted format upon a

3   command from the user to save the at least one file as is.

1   4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

2   receiving a command from the user to at least one of either play or display the at least

3   one file stored in the encrypted format;

4   retrieving the at least one file stored in the encrypted format and decrypting the at

5   least one file stored in the encrypted format with a previously stored encryption key in

6   response to the user [[to]] to at least one of either play or display the at least one file stored

7   in the encrypted format; and

8   playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the address of the selected

2   web site comprises an Internet address of the selected web site.

1   6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising transferring the

2   at least one file as is in an unencrypted format to a digital storage device.

1   7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising transferring the

2   now decrypted at least one file to a digital storage device prior to playing or displaying to the

3   user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising previously

2   storing the approved web site database on the at least one server.

1   9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving a file

2   from an external source and encrypting the received file from the external source into an

3   encrypted format prior to storing the file.

1   10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

2   receiving a command from the user to at least one of either play or display the at least

3   one file stored in the encrypted format;

4   retrieving the at least one file stored in the encrypted format and decrypting the at

5   least one file stored in the encrypted format with a previously stored encryption key in

6   response to the user [[to]] to at least one of either play or display the at least one file stored

7   in the encrypted format; and

8.   playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising transferring

2   the now decrypted at least one file to a digital storage device prior to playing or displaying

3   to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

2   at least one server;

3   a computer including:

4   at least one user input device adapted to receive an input from a user;

5   at least one of a display and an audio output device adapted to respectively

6   display or provide an audio output in response to data of a file; and

7   a memory adapted to store files;

8   a digital storage device adapted to be connected to the computer to receive files

9   therefrom; and

10   a network interface adapted to be connected to the computer to receive files from the

11   at least one server via a network;

12   wherein, upon the computer receiving a command from the user via the at least one

13   user input device to download at least one file from a selected web site and to either save the

14   at least one file as is or open the at least one file, the computer retrieves the address of the

15   selected web site in response to the command from the user to open the at least one file;

16   wherein, upon the computer retrieving the address, the computer forwards a query to

17   the at least one server via the network and a network adapter to determine if the retrieved

18   address is within an approved web site database;

19   wherein, the computer notifies the user that the selected web site is not within the

20   approved web site database upon a determination that the selected web site is not within the

21   approved web site database and downloads the at least one file in an unencrypted format in

22   response to a command from the user to download the at least one file in an unencrypted

23   format to a selected folder of the user;

24   wherein, the computer forwards user information and information with regard to the

25   at least one file to the at least one server upon a determination that the selected web site is

26   within the approved web site database, and receives encryption information from the at least

27   one server in response thereto;

28   wherein, the computer downloads the at least one file in an unencrypted format from

29   the selected web site and ~~converting~~ <u>converts</u> the at least one file to an encrypted format in

30   accordance with the encryption information from the at least one server; and

31   wherein the computer stores the at least one file in the encrypted format in the

32   memory of the computer.

1   13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the computer

2 downloads and saves the at least one file as is in an unencrypted format ~~in read~~ upon a

3 command from the user to save the at least one file as is.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the computer:

2 upon receiving a command from the user via the at least one user input device to at

3 least one of either play or display the at least one file stored in the memory in the encrypted

4 format[[;]], ~~retrieving~~ retrieves the at least one file stored in the memory in the encrypted

5 format and ~~decrypting~~ decrypts the at least one file stored in the encrypted format with a

6 previously stored encryption key in response to the user to at least one of either play or

7 display the at least one file stored in the memory in the encrypted format; and

8 ~~playing~~ plays or ~~displaying~~ displays to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the computer transfers

2 the at least one stored now decrypted file from the memory to the digital storage device.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the computer transfers

2 the unencrypted at least one stored file from the memory to the digital storage device.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the address of the

2 selected web site comprises an Internet address of the selected web site.

1   18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the computer transfers

2   the at least one file as is in an unencrypted format stored in the memory to a digital storage

3   device.

1   19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the computer transfers

2   the now decrypted at least one file stored in the memory to a digital storage device prior to

3   playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the at least one server

2   stores the approved web site database therein.

1   21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the computer is

2   adapted to receive a file from an external source and to ~~encrypted~~ encrypt the received file

3   from the external source into an encrypted format prior to storing the file.

1   22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the computer:

2   receives a command from the user to at least one of either play or display the at least

3   one file stored in the encrypted format;

4   retrieves the at least one file stored in the encrypted format and ~~decrypting~~ decrypt the

5   at least one file stored in the encrypted format with a previously stored encryption key in

6   response to the user to at least one of either play or display the at least one file stored in the

7   encrypted format; and

8   plays or ~~display's~~ <u>displays</u> to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the computer transfers

2   the now decrypted at least one file stored in the memory to a digital storage device prior to

3   playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.